

BUSINESS REPORT

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday, February 10, 2009
Place: Capitol

Time: 3:00 pm
Room: 172

BILLS and RESOLUTIONS HEARD:

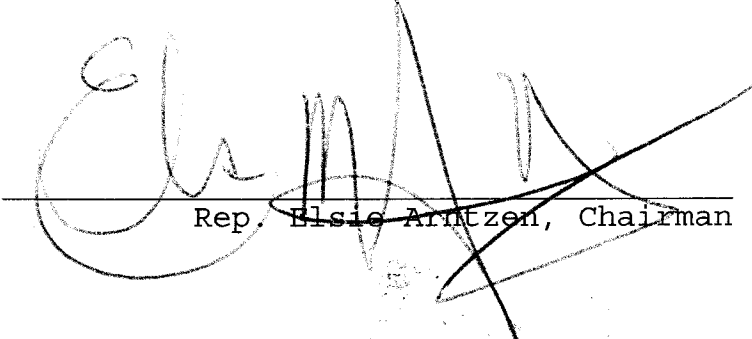
Prefix (HB, HR, HJR, SB, SR, or SJR) and number. Add Postponed (PP) when appropriate:

HB 406, HB 420, HB 426, HB 436

EXECUTIVE ACTION TAKEN:

Prefix (HB, HR, HJR, SB, SR, or SJR) and number. Enter P(pass) F(failed) DPAA (do pass as amended) BC(be concurred in) BCAA (be concurred in as amended):

COMMENTS:


Rep. Elsie Arntzen, Chairman

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Roll Call
Local Government Committee

DATE: 2/10/2009

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT/ EXCUSED</u>
Vice Chair MacLaren	X	
Vice Chair Hands		X
Representative Becker	X	
Representative Bennett	X	
Representative Berry	X	
Representative Driscoll	X	
Representative Ebinger	X	
Representative Grinde		X
Representative Hamilton	X	
Representative Ingraham	X	
Representative Menahan	X	
Representative More	X	
Representative Reichner	X	
Representative Reinhart	X	
Representative Sands	X	
Representative Stahl	X	
Representative Vance	X	
Chairman Arntzen	X	

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Bill No. HB 406 **Sponsor(s)** Rep. Reinhart

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Name and Address	Representing	Support	Oppose	Inf.
Jerry ^{Columbia Falls} Sorensen	Plum Creek		X	
Myra Shults	JPIA / MACo	X		
Daniel Cox	Self		X	
GREG CHILCOTT	RAVALLI COUNTY		X	
GORDON MORRIS	LEWIS & CLARK Co	X		
LIANE TAYLOR	HELENA ASS REALTOS		X	
John Youngberg	MT FBF		X	
Don Bell	WETA		X	
Glenn Oppel	MT Realtors		X	
Brianna Randall	Clark Fork Coalition	X		
Dave Galt	MPA		X	
Nancy Schlegel	MT Farm Bureau		X	
Mike Murphy	MT Water Resources		X	
Mike Stou	MT Assn of Planners	✓		
Bill Calhoke	SELF		X	
Dustin Stewart	MBIA		X	
Jon Bennion	MT Chamber		X	
Jan Wisniewski			X	
BOB MARTIN	HEBA		X	

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JACK WALSH	H B I A		X	

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GORDON MORRIS	LEWIS & CLARK Co.	✓		
Brianna Randall	Clark Fork Coalition	✓		
Maurice Weiland	ASMSU	✓		
John Stewart	MBIA		X	
Glen Appel	MT Realtors		X	
Allison Savage	Self	X		
Tyler Evilsizer	G.A.V.E.	X		
Ben Batsch	HA HBIA-MBIA		X	
Rob Martin	HBIA		X	
Kyle Wiens	MEIC	X		
JACK WALSH	HBIA		X	
Alec Hansen	MLCT	✓		
DAVE COOK	DLI			✓

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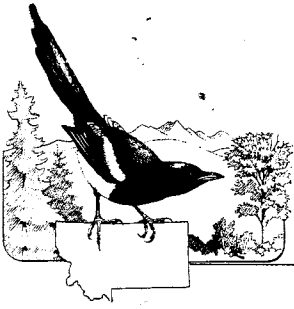
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GORDON MORRIS	LEWIS & CLARK CO.	✓		
Jim Smith	Sheriffs Assoc	✓		
Sheriff John Waisl	BSBLS D.	✓		
Devin Olson	DOJ	✓		
Pam Buey	MACO/MPPA	✓		
Wayne Ternes	MT POST Council			✓
Daryl R. Anderson	Lincoln County SO	✓		
Long Hough	Custer Co. Sheriff	✓		
Jim Dyson	FLATHRAD CO	✓		
Jim CASHELL	GALLATIN COUNCIL	✓		
Leo Dutton	Lewis & Clark County Sheriff	✓		

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Testimony on HB 406
Local Government Committee
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Madame Chair and Members of the Committee

Montana Audubon supports HB 406.

We work with local governments on land use planning issues. The interim zoning provisions of Montana's statute are confusing since the statute does not define the term "emergency." This term means different things to different people. We know that interim zoning has been used in Lewis and Clark County to address water quality issues; Missoula County to prevent gravel mining operations in areas zoned residential; and Ravalli County to cap the size of retail businesses (which was later repealed by voters) and to place limitations on subdivisions. These uses of the interim zoning regulations were all brought on by specific circumstances, and all of those circumstances included a sense of urgency. However, whether or not any of these situations was what most of us would call an "emergency" is questionable.

HB 406 clarifies the statute and will make it more understandable to local government officials and citizens.

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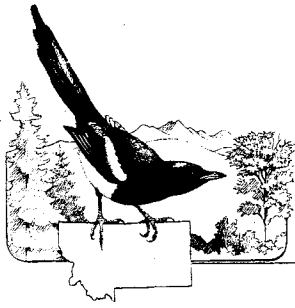
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Montana Audubon wants to go on record in support of HB 420. Energy efficiency standards for buildings make sense in this day and age. Allowing local governments to establish these standards will reduce our dependence on fossil fuels.

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